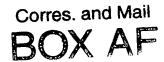
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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated June 14, 2004 (Paper No. 5). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on September 14, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for two months, to November 19, 2004. The \$430.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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